

**Patricia R. Chesbro-Democrat-Senate District F**

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**Age:**

66

**Place of Birth:**

Norwich, NY

**Spouse's Name:**

James L. Chesbro Sr.

**Children's Name:**

Six Children, five are living

**Occupation:**

Retired Educator

**Length of Residency in Alaska:**

40 years in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley

**Education:**

Sherburne Central School 1966  
Syracuse University 1970  
B. A. in English Education

SUNY Albany 1971

M.S. in Reading Education

UAA

Administrative certification 1988

Superintendent endorsement 2002

**Business and Professional Positions:**

Teacher and Principal, Palmer High School

Superintendent, Mat-Su Borough Schools

Assistant professor, UAA College of Education

Project Director, Alaska Educational Innovations Network

Interim Dean, UAA College of Education

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**Service Organizations Membership:**

Palmer Museum of History and Art  
Alaska Family Services  
Palmer Arts Council

**Other (Biographical Information Only):**

Teacher of thousands of students; leader of hundreds of people; and administrator of millions of dollars of local, state, and federal funds during a career of four decades in education.

**Statement:**

Alaskans built Alaska. Those who lived with the land for thousands of years built Alaska. Explorers, gold miners, fishermen and women, adventure seekers, Matanuska Colonists, and others who came to make better lives for themselves and their families built Alaska.

The discovery and production of oil created good jobs. More oil and gas production will create and sustain more jobs. The revenue facilitated, and will continue to boost, our growth. Alaskans can and should use this resource to invest in our future.

Investing in people pays dividends. A strong Alaska requires a strong education system, from pre-school through adult learning. Supporting families and ensuring care for our youth and elders will make the best use of our human resource. I support people.

Looking critically at spending takes courage and self-discipline. Common sense requires balancing risk and reward. The number of current capital projects is risky. Prioritizing projects that support Alaskans is essential and will help stop over-spending.

As we move into the future, I will work to expand agriculture; find new ways to support small businesses; push for Alaska to become a laboratory for renewable resource development; and expand the research capacity of our universities. Supporting the ingenuity of Alaskans secures our future.

Leadership, like teaching, is about listening, empathy, and optimism. I am ready to work with Alaskans for a better Alaska.



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